

Humanities Divisional Board

Title of Programme

Honour School of Mathematics and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: Introduction of new paper option

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2016

For first examination from 2017-18

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* online

Detail of change

^{3.1}The examination for Part B shall consist of units in Mathematics and subjects in Philosophy. The schedule of units in *Mathematics* shall be published in Mathematics and Philosophy Synopses of lecture courses supplement to the Mathematics Course Handbook by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned. The schedule shall be in two parts: Schedule 1 (standard units) and Schedule 2 (additional units). A candidate may, with the support of his or her Mathematics tutor, apply to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy for approval of one or more other options from the list of Mathematics Department units for Part B which can be found in the Supplement to the Mathematics Course Handbook for courses in Mathematics Part B. Applications for special approval must be made through the candidate's college and sent to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy, c/o Academic Administrator, Mathematical Institute, to arrive by Friday of Week 5 of Michaelmas Term in the academic year of the examination for Part B. In Philosophy the subjects shall be subjects 101–118, 120, 122, 124, 125[**For students starting from MT 2012:** , 127,] 128 and 199 from the list given in *Special Regulations for All Honour*

Schools Including Philosophy. Each subject in Philosophy other than a Thesis shall be examined in one 3-hour paper. Each candidate shall offer:

^{3.2}(i) Four units of *Mathematics* from Schedule 1, two of which shall be **[For students starting before MT 2012: B1a] [For students starting from MT 2012: B1.1] Logic** and **[For students starting before MT 2012: B1b] [For students starting from MT 2012: B.1.2] Set Theory**.

^{3.3}(ii) Three subjects in *Philosophy* from 101–118, 120, 122, 124, 125, ~~and 127~~ and 128; of which two must be 122 and **either 101 or 102**, and

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^{4.9}No unit in Mathematics, and no subject in Philosophy, may be offered in both Part B and Part C, **[For students starting from MT 2016: except in the case of subject 199 (Philosophy Thesis)]**. A unit in Philosophy consists of one of the subjects 101–118, 120, 124, 125, 127, 128 and 180 as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy, or a Special Subject in Philosophy as approved by the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy by regulations published in the University Gazette and communicated to college tutors by the end of the fifth week of Trinity Term in the year before the Part C examination in which it will be examined, or a Thesis as specified below. No candidate may offer more than one Special Subject in Philosophy in Part C. In approving a Special Subject in Philosophy for Part C, the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy may specify that candidates will not be permitted to offer certain special subjects in combination with certain other subjects, or will be permitted to do so only on condition that in the papers on the other subjects they will not be permitted to answer certain questions. Subject to these qualifications, any candidate may offer any special subject. Each unit in Philosophy other than a Thesis shall be examined by a three-hour written paper together with an essay of at most 5,000 words. The relative weight of the essay to the three-hour exam shall be 1 to 3, i.e. the essay shall count for 25% of the mark in that subject. No essay shall exceed this word limit, which includes all notes and appendices, but not the bibliography. The word count should be indicated on the front of the essay. There shall be a select bibliography or a list of sources. All essays must be typed in double spacing on one side of quarto or A4 paper, with footnotes rather than endnotes. Candidates should avoid any substantial repetition of material between examination scripts and examination essays. The topic for a Philosophy examination essay in a given subject can be any question set for the most recent examination of that subject in Honour Schools with Philosophy, with the exception of questions for Plato Republic (115) and Aristotle Nicomachean Ethics (116) consisting of multiple passages for comment **[For students starting from MT 2013: , and the questions for Philosophical Logic (127) consisting of formal exercises]**. Candidates may apply for approval of other essay topics by writing to the Chair of the Board, c/o the Administrator, Philosophy Centre, Radcliffe Humanities Building, Woodstock Road, giving the title he or she proposes, together with an explanation of the subject in about 100 words and enclosing a letter from their tutor attesting to the suitability of this topic for the candidate. Any such application must be received no later than Friday of the sixth week of the Hilary Term preceding the Part C examination for which the essay is to be submitted. Late applications will not be considered. Any such application shall be accepted or rejected by the Board within two weeks of its being received.

Explanatory Notes

Introduction of a new paper option in the Philosophy joint schools.